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SUBJECT: HOMEPORTING IN ITALY - ROTATIONAL SUBSTITUTION
OF THE USS PIEDMONT

REFS: A) ROME 10563; B) STATE 167547; C) ROME 9546;
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1. JULY 18, 1975, FOLLOWING PRESENTATION MADE ON SUBSTITUTION
OF USS ALBANY FOR USS LITTLE ROCK (SEE REF A), EMBOFF EXPLAINED
ANALAGOUS CHANGE IN DESTROYER TENDER DEPLOYMENT PATTERN
DESIRED BY USN IN NAPLES WHICH WOULD COMMENCE WITH DEPARTURE
OF THE USS PIEDMONT AND DEPENDENTS.

2. MFA NATO OFFICE DIRECTOR SAID CHANGE POSED NO PROBLEM SO
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LONG AS NO DIRECT LOCAL NATIONAL EMPLOYEES OF THE US FORCE

IN NAPLES LOST THEIR JOBS BECAUSE OF IT. UPON BEING PROMISED THAT NONE WOULD BE FIRED AS RESULT OF THIS CHANGE, HE AGREED TO "HANDLE" IT AS A ROUTINE OPERATIONAL MATTER WHICH DID NOT REQUIRE FORMAL AGREEMENT OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY THE GOI. HE DID ASK THAT EMBASSY PROVIDE HIM WITH AN AIDE MEMOIRE SIMILAR TO THAT PRESENTED VIS-A-VIS THE USS ALBANY. HE ALSO REQUESTED THAT WE NOTIFY THE ITALIAN NAVY.

3. MFA NATO OFFICE PRESENTED WITH AIDE MEMOIRE DRAWN FROM PARA 4 OF REF C WITH ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPH TO THE EFFECT THAT INFORMATION ON TECHNICAL CHANGE IN DEPLOYMENT OF PIEDMONT WILL BE DECLASSIFIED IN LOW-KEY FASHION NO LATER THAN AUGUST 1, 1975. TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE BEING POUCHED TO EUR/WE AND CINCUSNAVEUR.

4. COMMENT: NATO OFFICE DIRECTOR WAS MOST CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE IMPACT ON NAPLES UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM. HE PLANS TO BRIEF NAPLES PREFECT AND ASSURE HIM THAT ADDITIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT WILL NOT RESULT FROM THIS CHANGE. HE WAS NOT CONCERNED ABOUT EFFECT ON LANDLORDS, WHOSE "PLIGHT" IS NOT A POLITICAL ISSUE. END COMMENT. VOLPE

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